

25 July 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 25 July 1979

The Director chaired the meeting. [ ]

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McMahon reported no Americans were aboard the Bangladesh Airlines plane that was hijacked yesterday in India. [ ]

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Referencing today's Executive Summary, McMahon said Qadhafi's reported decision to nationalize remaining U.S. oil interests in Libya, in retaliation for U.S. refusal to sell C-130s, 747s, and 727s to Libya, would be of no major consequence. [ ]

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McMahon noted also a report from Guatemala City that on 3 August rebel forces in that country will urge foreign diplomats to leave Guatemala before the outbreak of a civil war. [ ]

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Taylor complimented RMS's preparation of the 1981 NFIP, noting especially the quality of the program issues package prepared this week. The Director expressed his thanks and noted that Admiral Inman had also been complimentary of RMS's effort. [ ]

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Hitz said yesterday's lengthy SFRC hearing on SALT went superbly. He complimented the Director on an excellent performance and noted the shift to a more productive hearing format--a seminar-type setting vis-a-vis a formal hearing. Discussion followed which analyzed the benefits accrued from the well-attended hearing evidenced, for example, by Senator Biden's comment on how superbly prepared the intelligence witnesses have been during the hearings--"the best," and by Senator Church's concurring remarks. The Director said it was his most rewarding experience thus far in SALT hearings. He noted, despite different nuances in approach, intelligence witnesses appeared as brethren. Hitz said he would write it up; Bowie recommended this success be relayed to our personnel, e.g., Director's Notes. The Director agreed and told Bowie that those who contributed so heavily to his support should receive special thanks--"homework made the difference." (Action: NFAC & OLC) [redacted]

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In response to Wortman's query about a DCI public statement on SALT, the Director said he has made a deal with Senator Church whereby the Director will make a brief (one-page), one-time public statement probably on 2 August. [redacted]

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Regarding upcoming hearings Hitz remarked on Senator Jackson's statement in today's Washington Post (attached). He noted a growing concern of Democrats on the Hill for their own political futures in the upcoming Presidential election suggests that these individuals will probably decide not to seek much political mileage on the issue of SALT. [redacted]

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Waller reported that in a recent conversation with HPSCI Staffer Firth, the latter asked why it is that IGs and reporting entities elsewhere in the Community do not provide the Director with copies of their reports to the Intelligence Oversight Board; Firth sees this as an anomaly. The Director said he does not want to stir debate on Charters Legislation and Executive Orders at this time, but that something must be done to improve his rein over the Intelligence Community. McMahon suggested that efforts in this regard are likely to be more productive through Charters Legislation than by Executive Order. The Director asked Silver and Waller to look into it. (Action: OGC & IG) [redacted]

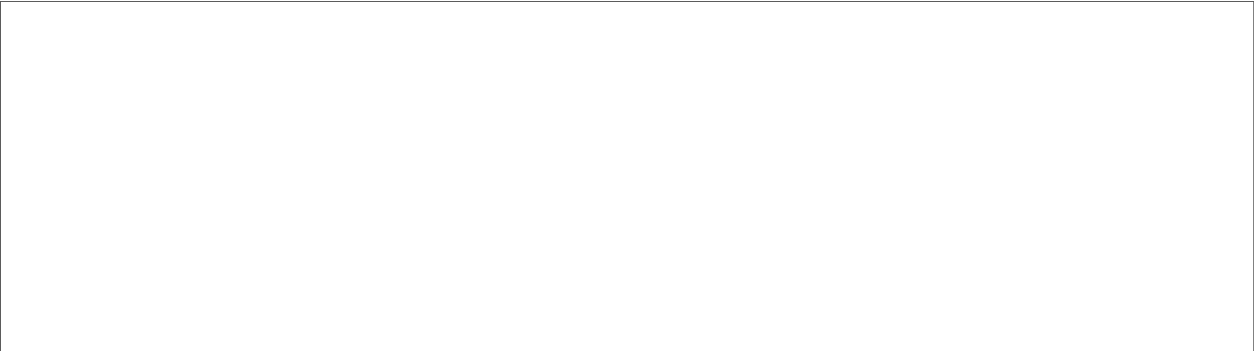
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The Director said he will move into his new home on 15 August and plans a couple days leave before then and for the following week; he said he expects to be available about 5 percent of that time.

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Attachment

UNCLASSIFIED

## Kennedy to Win 1980 Nomination, Jackson Predicts

By John M. Berry  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts will be the Democratic nominee for president if he runs next year, and he will run, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) predicted yesterday.

Jackson, himself a candidate in 1976, told reporters he still is supporting President Carter for the nomination, but he praised Kennedy lavishly for pursuing a course that "can't split the party."

"Kennedy will not get into it unless Carter takes himself out, or events take him out," Jackson declared. Jackson made it clear he expects one or the other to happen.

"The New Hampshire and Massachusetts primaries are going to be critical for Carter," Jackson said. "If he loses decisively in Massachusetts, that could be the Rubicon."

Kennedy, the senator continued, is "avoiding a course that says he's clearly running against the president. He wants to avoid forcing the president out of the primaries." And he added, "I think there is a strong feeling that a split in the party would not end with that office."

"Carter's problems create problems for the Democratic Party," he warned. A major split in the party could even endanger Democratic control of the Senate and perhaps the House, Jackson continued. "The [members] up for reelection are worried. They are asking, what does it do to me."

Jackson all but stated that he ex-

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## Jackson Predicts Kennedy To Be Democratic Nominee

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pects Carter to lose the New Hampshire and Massachusetts primaries and that at that point Kennedy would become a candidate.

"The only thing that might cause him to come in ahead of schedule," Jackson said, "would be a Jerry Brown surge. Brown, the governor of California, is the one potential Democratic candidate that Jackson said he could not support."

Asked if he believes Carter deserves renomination, Jackson side-stepped, saying, "Well, I've done my best to help the guy. I worked my heart out on energy legislation."

Jackson termed Carter "the most convincing one-on-one person I've ever met." But he was critical of what Jackson called "his failure to understand the federal system," and caustic in references to Carter's appointment of Hamilton Jordan as White House chief of staff.

"The wisest move the president

could have made would have been to name Bob Strauss chief of staff," Jackson declared. "He knows Congress and the federal system. He knows the Speaker and he returns phone calls."

The latter comments refer to the fact that Jordan met House Speaker Thomas S. (Tip) O'Neill Jr. for the first time last week and that Jordan often fails to return calls.

Jackson said Carter's Cabinet upheaval has "undone" the "definite plus" of his July 13 speech. The people in his home town of Everett, Wash., he said, "are bewildered. They are distressed by a lack of direction. They want to know who is running what."

The president's chances of renomination "are now very, very difficult," Jackson went on. "He has a very difficult situation. He can overcome it, but with what is past being prologue, it's tough."